



ARIZONA WIC ALERT



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NEW WIC Food Packages Coming Federal Fiscal Year 2010!

On December 6, 2007, the “Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food packages” Interim Rule was passed. This interim rule implements the first comprehensive revisions to the WIC food packages since 1980. The food packages were developed to better reflect current nutrition science and dietary recommendations, than the current food packages. The new food packages will become effective on **October 1, 2009** for the Arizona WIC Program.

What does this mean? This means that the Arizona WIC Program is diligently working towards the implementation of the new food packages for Arizona WIC participants. The revision of the food packages also means that food instrument messages will change, food items will be added or deleted, minimum stock and variety requirements will change and a new food instrument called a Cash Value Food Instrument (CVFI) will be added for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables.

New Food Items

Food items that will be added to the WIC foods include:

- Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
- Soft Corn Tortillas (white or yellow)
- Whole Wheat Bread (loaves, buns or rolls)
- Brown Rice
- Soy Milk
- Tofu
- Canned Salmon
- Infant Food – Fruits
- Infant Food – Meats

WIC Approved Foods and Minimum Stock Requirements

With new food items being added to the food package, there is a change in authorized WIC approved foods and minimum stock and variety requirements. As part of the implementation process, policies, procedures and foods must be approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. Upon receipt of the approval of our authorized food items, the Program will advise all Vendors of the upcoming changes on authorized food items and minimum stock and variety requirements. **However**, there are a few food items where the requirements are known; they include:

Item	Quantity	Variety
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	32 pounds	2 types of Fruits: 1 must be bananas and 1 other type AND 2 types of Vegetables
Infant Jarred Foods - Fruits and Vegetables 4 oz containers Any Brand, Stage 2	64 containers	2 varieties of Fruit AND 2 varieties of Vegetables
Infant Jarred Foods – Meats 2.5 oz containers Any brand, any stage	31 containers	N/A

**WIC Cash Value Food Instrument**

The Cash Value Food Instrument (CVFI) is similar to the regular WIC food instrument. The only difference is that the CVFI is for a specific dollar amount for Fresh Vegetables and/or Fruits. This is displayed in the large box that has the prescribed food items and quantities to be purchased. Below is an illustration of what the food instrument may look like when finalized. Note the description of the food items that are allowed to be purchased with this Cash Value Food Instrument.

"UP TO \$6.00 FRESH VEGETABLES AND/OR FRUITS"

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WIC PROGRAM 1740 WEST ADAMS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007 NEED HELP? Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 5 PM, Call 1-800-255-5WIC			MISUSE OF DRAFTS SUBJECT TO STATE OR FEDERAL PROSECUTION. VOID IF ALTERED		
AGENCY 10	CLINIC 15	PARTICIPANT ID 15100108255	PARTICIPANT NAME VEGIES, FRUITS	DRAFT TYPE 002917AA	DRAFT # 23890315
FOR THESE ITEMS ONLY - REFER TO ARIZONA WIC PROGRAMS FOOD LIST					75-1248 Payable Through FSNIC 919 AN AFFILIATE OF SECURITY STATE BANK HOWARD LARL, HN 55349 ACCT # 802878
UP TO \$6.00 FRESH VEGETABLES AND/OR FRUITS					FIRST DATE TO USE 09/15/2008
					DATE OF USE
					LAST DATE TO USE 10/14/2008
					PAY TO THE ORDER OF:
					VOID
					TAX EXEMPT SALE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00
					NOT PAYABLE WITHOUT VENDOR ID STAMP
					PARTICIPANT: DO NOT SIGN UNTIL TIME OF PURCHASE
					SIGNATURE AT STORE:
					VOID
					CASHER: DO NOT ACCEPT IF ALREADY SIGNED. MUST MATCH SIGNATURE ON ID FOLDER.

EXAMPLE

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The CVFI is only valid for up to the amount as printed on the face of the food instrument. The denomination of the CVFI may be \$5.00, \$6.00 or \$8.00. The amount entered on the CVFI must be equal to or less than the maximum amount stated on the CVFI.

The Arizona WIC Program staff is excited about the upcoming changes and looks forward to working with the Vendors and Local Agency staff to implement the new food packages. Please visit the Arizona WIC food package website at <http://www.azwic.gov/foodPack.htm> or contact the Arizona WIC Program directly at 1-866-229-6561 for updates on the new WIC food packages.

If you have any questions regarding this WIC Alert or need technical assistance, please contact any member of the Vendor Management Team at 1-866-737-3935.

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